Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Eight bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1689–1696, and S. Res. 236.

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Measures Passed:

Livestock Mandatory Reporting Act: Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry was discharged from further consideration of S. 1613, to amend the Livestock Mandatory Reporting Act of 1999 to extend the termination date for mandatory price reporting, and the bill was then passed.

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Measures Rejected:

Clean Air Act Resolution: By 47 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 225), Senate rejected S.J. Res. 20, disapproving a rule promulgated by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to delist coal and oil-direct utility units from the source category list under the Clean Air Act. Pages S9955-61

Commerce/Justice/Science Appropriations: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 2862, making appropriations for Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Shelby (for Voinovich) Modified Amendment No. 1650, to make funds available to implement the Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Amendments Act of 2004.

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Shelby (for Ensign) Amendment No. 1653, to increase funding for child abuse training programs for judicial personnel and practitioners.

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Shelby (for Kennedy/Sessions) Amendment No. 1704, to extend the term of the National Prison Rape Elimination Commission. Page S9962

Pending:

Lincoln Amendment No. 1652, to provide for temporary medicaid disaster relief for survivors of Hurricane Katrina.

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Dayton Amendment No. 1654, to increase funding for Justice Assistance Grants. Page S9948

Sarbanes Amendment No. 1662, to assist the victims of Hurricane Katrina with finding new housing.

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Dorgan Amendment No. 1665, to prohibit weakening any law that provides safeguards from unfair foreign trade practices. Pages S9948, S9949, S9965-71

Sununu Amendment No. 1669, to increase funding for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program, the Southwest Border Prosecutors Initiative, and transitional housing for women subjected to domestic violence.

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Lieberman Amendment No. 1678, to provide financial relief for individuals and entities affected by Hurricane Katrina.

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DeWine Amendment No. 1671, to make available, from amounts otherwise available for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, \$906,200,000 for aeronautics research and development programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

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Clinton Amendment No. 1660, to establish a congressional commission to examine the Federal, State, and local response to the devastation wrought by Hurricane Katrina in the Gulf Region of the United States especially in the States of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and other areas impacted in the aftermath and make immediate corrective measures to improve such responses in the future. Page S9948

Coburn Amendment No. 1648, to eliminate the funding for the Advanced Technology Program and increase the funding available for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, community oriented policing services, and State and local law enforcement assistance.

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Dorgan Amendment No. 1670, to establish a special committee of the Senate to investigate the awarding and carrying out of contracts to conduct activities in Afghanistan and Iraq and to fight the war on terrorism.

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Pryor/Mikulski Amendment No. 1703, to require the FTC to conduct an immediate investigation into gasoline price-gouging. Pages S9953-55

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Stabenow Modified Amendment No. 1687, to provide funding for interoperable communications equipment grants.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, September 14, 2005; the time be equally divided between Senators Shelby and Mikulski until 11 a.m., and the Senate then vote on the motion to waive the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, relative to Stabenow Amendment No. 1687, as modified.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 41 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 226), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive section 402(b)(5) of H. Con. Res. 95, Congressional Budget Resolution, with respect to the emergency designation provision in Biden Amendment No. 1661, to provide emergency funding for victims of Hurricane Katrina. Subsequently, a point of order that the emergency designation provision would violate section 402 (b)(5) of H. Con. Res. 95 was sustained and the provision was stricken. Also, the Chair sustained a point order that the amendment would exceed the subcommittee's 302(b) allocation and the amendment thus falls. Page S9971

Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Protocol Amending Extradition Convention with Israel (Treaty Doc. No. 109–3).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following Nominations:

Shana L. Dale, of Georgia, to be Deputy Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Donald A. Gambatesa, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, United States Agency for International Development.

Carmen Maria Martinez, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zambia.

Gregory F. Van Tatenhove, of Kentucky, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—226) Pages S9961, S9971

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 7:14 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, September 14, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages \$9995–96.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CHARITIES

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Social Security and Family Policy held a hearing to examine how the nonprofit sector meets the needs of American communities relating to charities on the front-line, receiving testimony from Luke L. Hingson, Borther's Brother Foundation, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Major George Hood, The Salvation Army, Alexandria, Virginia; Robert E. Reccord, North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Alpharetta, Georgia; and William G. Gale, Brookings Institution, and C. Eugene Steuerle, Urban Institute, both of Washington, D.C.

Hearings recessed subject to the call.

NOMINATIONS:

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of John R. Fisher, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, Juliet JoAnn McKenna, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, who were introduced by Delegate Norton, Colleen Duffy Kiko, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, who was introduced by Representative Sensenbrenner, and Mary M. Rose, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee continued hearings to examine the nomination of John G. Roberts, Jr., of Maryland, to be Chief Justice of the United States, where the nominee, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

Hearings continue tomorrow.